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Japan imported 88,120,260 kilograms (193,864,572 pounds) of frozen shrimp valued at US$291.9 million in 1972. This record figure represents a 12 percent increase in quantity and a 36 percent increase in value over 1971 imports. Table 1 shows the phenomenal growth in Japan's shrimp imports since 1960.

Table 1.--Japan's frozen shrimp imports, 1960-72

Year	Value	Quantity
	US$1 million	1,000 metric tons
1972...	291.9	88.1
1971...	214.0	78.8
1970...	137.0	57.1
1969...	121.7	48.8
1968...	78.0	35.2
1967...	79.7	44.4
1966...	60.0	36.1
1965...	35.9	21.0
1964...	31.4	17.0
1963...	23.5	11.7
1962...	6.2	3.6
1961...	6.9	4.1
1960...	6.6	-

Note: Quantity expressed in heads-off weight.

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This record growth was surprising in view of the reported sluggishness of the Japanese shrimp market during most of 1972. Shrimp purchases made by speculators in late 1971 resulted in very heavy accumulations between January and September 1972. Prices were also reported generally depressed for much of the year, and many Japanese importers appeared concerned that increased imports would further dampen the market; yet imports during most of 1972 were higher than they had been in 1971. Figure 1 shows the monthly trend in 1972 imports, in comparison with previous years.

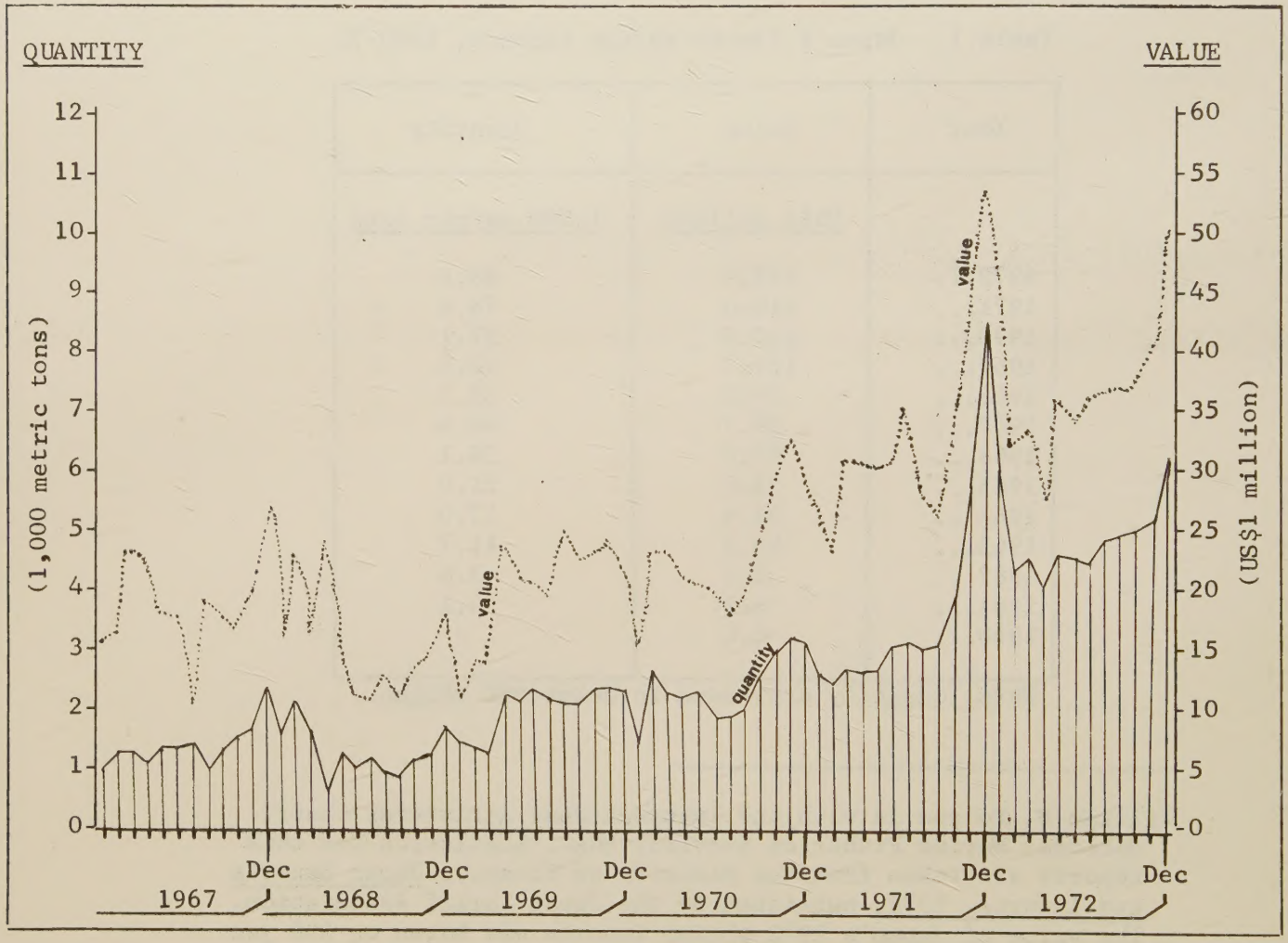

Figure 1.--Japan's frozen shrimp imports, value and quantity, by months, 1967-72.

The most significant change in Japan's trade pattern in 1972 was that Indonesia replaced India as Japan's major source of frozen shrimp. Although imports from India increased by 3,008 metric tons (a 32-percent increase), this was surpassed by a 5,599-ton (68-percent) increase in imports from Indonesia. In the past 2 years imports from Indonesia, where the Japanese are heavily investing in joint shrimp ventures, have increased tremendously.

Imports from Mexico, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Mainland China, and Pakistan, which are major suppliers, decreased. Imports from South Viet-Nam showed the greatest increase, almost 12-fold. In 1972, Japan concluded an agreement with Mexico to have shrimp shipped directly to Japan, thereby eliminating United States middlemen. This agreement, which provided for the purchase of about 7,000 metric tons of shrimp, apparently has not proven as successful as anticipated.

Table 2 shows Japan's 10 most important suppliers of shrimp:

Table 2.--Japan's 10 leading shrimp suppliers, 1971-72

Country	Quantity		Value	
	1972	1971	1972	1971
	Metric tons		US$1 million	
Indonesia.....	13,823	8,224	46.1	21.3
India.....	12,811	9,703	39.9	23.6
Thailand.....	7,506	7,080	24.2	17.9
Malaya, West....	5,840	5,169	13.5	9.8
Mexico.....	5,406	6,520	22.3	21.3
Taiwan.....	4,555	4,464	11.8	9.9
Australia.....	4,095	3,974	19.2	14.1
Hong Kong.....	3,539	3,951	15.3	14.1
Mainland China..	3,519	5,283	15.4	17.6
Pakistan.....	2,606	3,557	9.0	8.0

The remaining tables show Japan's imports of frozen shrimp, in kilograms and U.S. dollars, during the past 9 years.

Table 3.--Japanese imports from Southeast Asia of fresh, chilled, or frozen shrimps, prawns, and lobsters, by quantity and value, 1964-72

	kg	US dollars
Ryukyu:		
1972	30,686	72,785
1971	166,060	413,750
1970	67,290	116,897
1969	91,190	56,994
1968	37,460	36,647
1967	--	--
1966	1,918	1,111
1965	2,745	480
1964	--	--
South Korea:		
1972	470,392	712,308
1971	566,881	526,051
1970	400,057	715,777
1969	527,654	617,877
1968	1,805,679	2,866,860
1967	1,400,890	2,766,850
1966	846,909	1,031,600
1965	1,003,162	911,344
1964	1,030,192	847,086
North Korea:		
1972	175,389	330,444
1971	82,681	131,933
1970	157,980	255,700
1969	58,604	55,886
1968	102,182	75,283
1967	217,780	178,230
1966	--	--
1965	64,905	33,302
1964	124,738	78,319
China, Mainland:		
1972	3,519,467	15,474,717
1971	5,283,944	17,652,013
1970	6,247,752	19,280,016
1969	4,135,927	11,466,455
1968	3,769,390	8,242,227
1967	5,003,896	10,313,986
1966	11,768,511	22,651,200
1965	5,874,695	11,291,977
1964	5,484,359	11,278,469
China, Taiwan:		
1972	4,555,414	11,843,464
1971	4,464,891	9,916,500
1970	2,487,002	4,715,925
1969	1,305,109	2,741,238
1968	852,662	2,401,216
1967	759,407	2,049,172
1966	377,659	771,033
1965	183,316	411,061
1964	308,249	662,844
Hong Kong:		
1972	3,539,347	15,344,292
1971	3,951,605	14,175,425
1970	3,058,000	9,240,825
1969	4,230,435	12,852,647
1968	3,628,427	9,550,691
1967	3,001,918	7,411,658
1966	3,170,273	6,863,063
1965	3,579,178	4,938,088
1964	1,679,187	3,275,458
Viet-Nam, South:		
1972	1,240,859	5,432,496
1971	105,915	468,401
1970	25,768	81,211
1969	63,671	199,880
1968	61,058	194,011
1967	317,383	747,350
1966	487,709	962,013
1965	319,264	582,944
1964	142,589	238,547
Viet-Nam, North:		
1972	1,660	3,316
1971	938	2,900
1970	--	--
1969	--	--
1968	--	--
1967	--	--
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--

Source: Japan. Ministry of Finance. Japan Exports and Imports. Published by the Japan Tariff Association, Tokyo, (various years).

	kg	US dollars
Thailand:		
1972	7,506,978	24,237,100
1971	7,080,640	17,959,208
1970	5,982,699	14,023,119
1969	6,395,138	15,149,700
1968	4,581,177	11,142,344
1967	5,089,902	10,334,277
1966	3,690,565	7,261,183
1965	1,975,715	3,773,722
1964	1,484,925	2,932,547
Singapore:		
1972	433,936	1,690,701
1971	336,017	959,122
1970	167,076	360,958
1969		
1968	142,642	351,666
1967	103,465	245,494
1966	102,889	45,738
1965	25,281	19,930
1964	12,573	19,413
Malaya, West (Malaysia):		
1972	5,840,797	13,510,061
1971	5,169,482	9,851,236
1970	2,060,538	4,085,425
1969	1,650,733	3,721,902
1968	575,346	1,479,072
1967	473,546	1,064,611
1966	107,381	211,091
1965	13,592	23,922
1964	7,838	13,947
Sarawak (Malaysia):		
1972	81,836	325,220
1971	200,178	345,769
1970	102,132	185,811
1969	74,245	149,922
1968	162,546	301,516
1967	6,660	13,430
1966	6,830	8,336
1965	15,059	18,658
1964	11,635	14,716

	kg	US dollars
Sabah (Malaysia):		
1972	1,270,779	3,938,987
1971	1,169,031	2,628,183
1970	993,922	2,188,422
1969	1,076,348	2,307,005
1968	1,173,043	2,079,255
1967	984,297	1,858,352
1966	701,523	1,305,066
1965	337,387	505,105
1964	196,575	280,297
Brunei:		
1972	--	--
1971	--	--
1970	5,988	13,444
1969	--	--
1968	--	--
1967	--	--
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	4,000	5,613
Philippines:		
1972	1,678,969	5,568,681
1971	1,115,178	2,497,022
1970	357,933	874,505
1969	98,531	255,355
1968	101,671	279,069
1967	57,734	124,802
1966	12,518	27,350
1965	19,318	38,725
1964	27,943	55,900
Indonesia:		
1972	13,823,790	46,168,922
1971	8,224,986	21,358,727
1970	3,684,254	8,799,766
1969	2,604,036	6,404,680
1968	660,895	1,497,341
1967	14,982	38,411
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--

	kg	US dollars
Cambodia:		
1972	--	--
1971	--	--
1970	11,677	33,338
1969	150	352
1968	--	--
1967	--	--
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--
India:		
1972	12,811,854	39,938,402
1971	9,703,369	23,669,719
1970	6,386,804	14,690,475
1969	4,863,604	11,957,186
1968	3,164,443	6,566,652
1967	2,146,620	4,613,883
1966	993,380	1,731,111
1965	850,454	1,193,425
1964	641,783	826,319
Pakistan		
1972	2,606,893	9,000,461
1971	3,203,477	8,036,452
1970	2,276,215	5,416,058
1969	2,645,599	6,517,858
1968	1,635,248	3,601,486
1967	1,199,651	2,729,063
1966	250,113	448,908
1965	205,819	353,863
1964	134,457	230,508
Sri Lanka (Ceylon)		
1972	73,556	253,172
1971	19,367	51,877
1970	14,831	33,400
1969	7,801	19,975
1968	18,391	46,191
1967	1,882	830
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--

	kg	US dollars
Bangladesh:		
1972	300,769	974,207
1971	--	--
1970	--	--
1969	--	--
1968	--	--
1967	--	--
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--
Macao:		
1972	87,712	389,331
1971	131,721	488,355
1970	106,384	348,927
1969	118,560	376,455
1968	119,894	345,919
1967	90,492	264,238
1966	98,822	239,286
1965	57,300	101,030
1964	45,063	85,936
Burma:		
1972	--	--
1971	960	3,883
1970	--	--
1969	--	--
1968	--	--
1967	--	--
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--

Table 4.--Japanese imports from the Middle East of fresh, chilled, or frozen shrimps, prawns, and lobsters; by quantity and value: 1964-72.

	kg	US dollars
Iran:		
1972	991,727	3,071,509
1971	1,365,083	3,020,972
1970	597,150	1,395,300
1969	707,775	1,544,763
1968	650,816	1,278,530
1967	605,070	1,054,877
1966	56,348	102,052
1965	--	--
1964	--	--
Bahrein:		
1972	780,420	2,163,019
1971	1,007,418	2,052,844
1970	801,729	1,757,902
1969	802,391	1,685,180
1968	566,400	1,033,991
1967	29,483	64,094
1966	36,265	35,177
1965	--	--
1964	--	--
Yemen, South:		
1972	--	--
1971	7,000	6,388
1970	--	--
1969	--	--
1968	--	--
1967	--	--
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--
Saudi Arabia:		
1972	491,031	1,241,551
1971	538,199	1,105,427
1970	171,002	325,502
1969	467,515	1,233,513
1968	268,982	467,241
1967	703,110	999,047
1966	840,353	780,169
1965	--	--
1964	--	--

	kg	US dollars
Kuwait:		
1972	2,021,716	7,184,451
1971	2,101,096	4,361,994
1970	211,983	449,150
1969	916,718	2,092,158
1968	428,345	955,436
1967	749,306	1,426,177
1966	34,019	73,500
1965	--	--
1964	--	--
Saudi Arabia/Kuwait Neutral Zone:		
1972	--	--
1971	--	
1970	--	--
1969	54,181	116,747
1968	--	--
1967	--	--
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--
Trucial Oman and Qatar:		
1972	432,509	1,062,905
1971	186,578	360,319
1970	--	--
1969	35,697	89,588
1968	45,359	93,994
1967	--	--
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--
Yemen:		
1972	89,788	280,837
1971	148,776	317,038
1970	--	--
1969	--	--
1968	--	--
1967	--	--
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--

Table 5.--Japanese imports from Europe of fresh, chilled, or frozen shrimps, prawns, and lobsters, by quantity and value, 1964-72.

	kg	US dollars
Sweden:		
1972	--	--
1971	--	--
1970	600	2,605
1969	--	--
1968	--	--
1967	--	--
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--
Denmark:		
1972	214	1,210
1971	--	--
1970	200	783
1969	--	--
1968	--	--
1967	--	--
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--
France:		
1972	15,400	72,652
1971	2,267	5,886
1970	--	--
1969	157,200	385,933
1968	10,400	27,072
1967	12,580	33,988
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	38	419
Spain:		
1972	42,048	105,285
1971	1,350	2,536
1970	--	--
1969	--	--
1968	--	--
1967	680	2,275
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	2,663	7,311
Soviet Union:		
1972	2,576,884	1,099,298
1971	3,557,528	1,513,422
1970	3,419,372	840,711
1969	1,164,804	304,036
1968	1,418,510	303,230
1967	9,835,521	3,213,108
1966	6,517,639	1,699,841
1965	1,631,655	331,975
1964	54,092	16,744
Greece:		
1972	2,000	5,516
1971	--	--
1970	--	--
1969	--	--
1968	1,000	1,430
1967	19,849	21,447
1966	150,000	114,327
1965	--	--
1964	--	--

Table 6.--Japanese imports from North America of fresh, chilled, or frozen shrimps, prawns, and lobsters, by quantity and value, 1964-72

	kg	US dollars
Canada:		
1972	--	--
1971	2,286	6,622
1970	--	--
1969	--	--
1968	--	--
1967	5,647	16,922
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--

	kg	US dollars
United States:		
1972	27,065	113,389
1971	840,173	3,156,205
1970	553,945	1,755,408
1969	978,599	2,601,252
1968	392,843	1,069,772
1967	754,348	1,086,694
1966	229,918	364,205
1965	17,048	193,105
1964	192,100	318,011

Table 7.--Japanese imports from Latin America & Caribbean of fresh, chilled, or frozen shrimps, prawns, and lobsters, by quantity and value, 1964-72

	kg	US dollars
Mexico:		
1972	5,406,863	22,332,168
1971	6,520,612	21,331,672
1970	7,209,974	19,962,261
1969	5,511,268	15,705,197
1968	5,768,706	14,577,158
1967	7,994,743	19,440,002
1966	4,889,249	11,451,450
1965	5,209,927	10,074,944
1964	4,663,403	8,604,797
Guatemala:		
1972	32,154	173,759
1971	125,479	481,205
1970	51,116	131,852
1969	--	--
1968	9,979	33,072
1967	161,864	354,872
1966	22,249	33,030
1965	--	--
1964	90,745	130,158
Costa Rica:		
1972	--	--
1971	--	--
1970	--	--
1969	--	--
1968	--	--
1967	2,246	7,513
1966	2,268	3,619
1965	32,771	31,127
1964	9,662	10,250
Honduras:		
1972	--	--
1971	16,032	46,897
1970	--	--
1969	9,025	21,847
1968	--	--
1967	--	--
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--

	kg	US dollars
El Salvador:		
1972	17,350	65,396
1971	47,849	127,197
1970	68,895	181,563
1969	42,271	95,022
1968	4,535	6,730
1967	--	--
1966	--	--
1965	16,102	32,216
1964	31,457	56,463
Nicaragua:		
1972	--	--
1971	--	--
1970	--	--
1969	20,637	47,569
1968	--	--
1967	2,268	7,605
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--
Panama:		
1972	78,514	309,597
1971	80,591	301,452
1970	--	--
1969	18,844	37,655
1968	13,821	40,727
1967	6,124	19,783
1966	26,921	55,216
1965	--	--
1964	--	--
Bahamas:		
1972	--	--
1971	--	--
1970	--	--
1969	--	--
1968	--	--
1967	36,287	58,725
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--

	kg	US dollars
Barbados:		
1972	--	--
1971	--	--
1970	--	--
1969	4,534	14,130
1968	12,814	41,380
1967	36,314	106,419
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--
Trinidad & Tobago:		
1972	205,741	780,808
1971	341,054	997,691
1970	392,279	1,091,436
1969	415,081	1,083,194
1968	118,352	352,902
1967	47,785	135,222
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--
Cuba:		
1972	1,740,902	5,049,675
1971	1,494,754	3,601,513
1970	1,985,739	3,867,208
1969	964,163	1,892,950
1968	--	--
1967	--	--
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--
Colombia:		
1972	40,074	151,769
1971	119,449	365,805
1970	--	--
1969	--	--
1968	--	--
1967	--	--
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--

	kg	US dollars
Venezuela:		
1972	894,820	3,554,639
1971	574,489	1,349,588
1970	586,698	1,502,577
1969	393,420	1,055,969
1968	83,880	220,822
1967	517,630	1,273,969
1966	4,581	6,250
1965	--	--
1964	--	--
Guyana:		
1972	776,260	3,097,357
1971	293,620	788,713
1970	153,651	389,338
1969	165,459	438,458
1968	78,862	197,263
1967	39,507	100,394
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--
French Guiana:		
1972	13,562	66,824
1971	6,792	21,202
1970	476	1,277
1969	126,211	358,966
1968	85,791	276,319
1967	172,278	461,261
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	390	688
Surinam:		
1972	--	--
1971	--	--
1970	--	--
1969	--	--
1968	--	--
1967	--	--
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--

	kg	US dollars
Ecuador:		
1972	72,736	318,298
1971	171,358	472,002
1970	109,444	306,638
1969	25,740	64,277
1968	5,118	16,138
1967	19,662	67,763
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--
Peru:		
1972	21,152	8,006
1971	--	--
1970	--	--
1969	--	--
1968	--	--
1967	--	--
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--

	kg	US dollars
Brazil:		
1972	1,929,161	6,935,438
1971	1,075,592	3,073,755
1970	656,907	1,705,652
1969	684,121	1,680,191
1968	353,427	989,472
1967	249,708	662,447
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--
Uruguay:		
1972	--	--
1971	--	--
1970	--	--
1969	7,021	20,775
1968	--	--
1967	--	--
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--

Table 8.--Japanese imports from Africa of fresh, chilled, or frozen shrimps, prawns, and lobsters, by quantity and value, 1964-72

	kg	US dollars
United Arab Republic:		
1972	13,131	32,801
1971	--	--
1970	--	--
1969	--	--
1968	--	--
1967	56,926	136,863
1966	25,855	58,197
1965	8,823	16,561
1964	11,521	21,944
Senegal:		
1972	36,470	119,772
1971	85,071	208,547
1970	289,192	800,375
1969	286,296	701,350
1968	9,600	27,905
1967	11,160	29,891
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--
Gambia:		
1972	6,218	24,500
1971	--	--
1970	--	--
1969	--	--
1968	--	--
1967	--	--
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--
Guinea:		
1972	--	--
1971	--	--
1970	--	--
1969	--	--
1968	4,037	14,655
1967	15,876	46,850
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--
Liberia:		
1972	526,032	1,971,944
1971	364,409	1,185,238
1970	80,054	242,486
1969	--	--
1968	--	--
1967	4,979	7,861
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--
Ivory Coast:		
1972	472,106	1,728,720
1971	182,977	507,002
1970	169,268	490,397
1969	--	--
1968	--	--
1967	--	--
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--
Ghana:		
1972	14,901	43,211
1971	5,126	9,052
1970	--	--
1969	--	--
1968	4,173	15,163
1967	--	--
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--
Togo:		
1972	2,519	13,737
1971	--	--
1970	--	--
1969	--	--
1968	--	--
1967	--	--
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--

	kg	US dollars
Nigeria:		
1972	292,299	1,123,370
1971	212,947	535,055
1970	--	--
1969	--	--
1968	--	--
1967	--	--
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--
Cameroons:		
1972	932,457	2,960,821
1971	531,520	1,398,275
1970	7,778	23,311
1969	--	--
1968	--	--
1967	--	--
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--
Gabon:		
1972	19,278	55,821
1971	31,593	68,783
1970	26,558	56,586
1969	--	--
1968	--	--
1967	--	--
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--
Angola:		
1972	--	--
1971	--	--
1970	1,000	2,125
1969	--	--
1968	--	--
1967	--	--
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--

	kg	US dollars
Somalia:		
1972	--	--
1971	--	--
1970	6,486	19,580
1969	1,588	5,122
1968	--	--
1967	--	--
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--
Tanzania:		
1972	112,340	277,431
1971	196,872	339,655
1970	123,012	220,616
1969	104,133	184,494
1968	49,172	79,975
1967	1,406	1,963
1966	18,505	25,288
1965	1,006	1,241
1964	--	--
Mozambique:		
1972	214,777	798,301
1971	24,606	76,305
1970	816	813
1969	46,720	138,386
1968	--	--
1967	--	--
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--
Madagascar:		
1972	2,095,580	6,839,607
1971	1,283,436	3,652,472
1970	876,607	1,840,938
1969	765,012	1,585,580
1968	504,022	568,788
1967	355,658	302,283
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--

	kg	US dollars
South Africa:		
1972	39,024	83,113
1971	9,778	20,136
1970	--	--
1969	--	--
1968	--	--
1967	2,453	4,766
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	544	1,727

Table 9.--Japanese imports from Australasia of fresh, chilled, or frozen shrimps, prawns, and lobsters, by quantity and value, 1964-72

	kg	US dollars
Australia:		
1972	4,095,508	19,221,295
1971	3,974,009	14,416,383
1970	3,664,509	11,262,113
1969	3,382,825	10,189,702
1968	924,932	2,600,238
1967	966,093	2,566,572
1966	685,078	1,712,488
1965	563,487	1,183,977
1964	694,129	1,422,544
Papua/New Guinea:		
1972	345,808	1,319,590
1971	254,427	768,386
1970	--	--
1969	12,768	27,080
1968	339,102	866,397
1967	36,747	94,902
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--
Trust Territory of New Guinea:		
1972	--	--
1971	6,894	17,066
1970	--	--
1969	--	--
1968	--	--
1967	31,818	88,708
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--
New Zealand:		
1972	150,638	874,561
1971	107,655	344,263
1970	68,507	215,838
1969	3,691	7,975
1968	--	--
1967	--	--
1966	--	--
1965	--	--
1964	--	--